

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-18, and 27-45 were pending when the Office Action was mailed. Applicants herein amend claim 42 and cancel claims 27-34 and 41. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 6-18, 35-40, and 42-45 are currently pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-3, 6-18, 35-40, 44, and 45.

The Office Action objects to claims 42 and 43 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants herein rewrite claim 42 in independent form and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claim 42 and its dependent claim 43.

The Office Action rejects claims 27-34 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Riconda and Basson. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Nevertheless, applicants herein cancel claims 27-34 and 41 to advance examination of this application and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of these claims.

Based on these amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and early allowance of this application. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 367618016US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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